GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
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RESERVATION FOR OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided adequate job opportunities for the persons belonging to Other Backward Classes(OBCs) in the Ministry as well as all its Autonomous bodies/offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the OBC strength is less than the required to the total strength particularly in Group A and B;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken by the Government to provide adequate representations for the OBC;

(e) whether the Government has asked for any detailed reports from the Ministry as well as all its Autonomous bodies/offices regarding the current status of OBC representations in Group A, B, C and D; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): 328 persons belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) areworking in the Ministry / Attached Office/ Autonomous Bodies under the Ministry in various grades.

(c) & (d): As per Government Policy, reservation for OBCsintroduced in 1993 is restricted to direct recruitment. At the time of recruitment, policy parameters regarding reserved posts for OBCs are kept in view. In order to fill up vacancies reservedfor OBCs, various concessions like relaxation in upper age limit by three years, relaxation in standard of evaluation are given. In the event of non-availability of OBC candidate the reserved vacancy is kept vacant to be filled up in the subsequent year.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.